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CONSUMER AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON PETITION FOR DECLARATORY RULING FROM CONSUMER BANKERS ASSOCIATION

CG Docket No. 02-278

Comment Date: November 17, 2014
Reply Comment Date: December 1, 2014

With this Public Notice, we seek comment on a Petition for Declaratory Ruling filed by Consumer Bankers Association (CBA)¹ asking the Commission to clarify that “called party,” for purposes of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA)² and the Commission’s rules,³ refers to the intended recipient of the call.⁴ The TCPA and the Commission’s rules require the prior express consent of the called party to place autodialed or artificial or prerecorded-voice calls to wireless numbers.⁵ CBA states that its members “engage in a wide range of informational, non-marketing communications with their customers, serving various beneficial purposes from mitigating fraud to encouraging money management. In conformance with state and federal law, [its] members send data security breach notifications and place verification calls, including prerecorded voice and text messages, to consumers who have requested fraud alerts on their credit reports.”⁶ CBA asserts that, “[i]f a caller is liable for obtaining the consent of persons, such as holders of reassigned numbers, whose identities cannot be ascertained before calls are placed, then complete compliance with the prior express consent requirement is impossible.”⁷

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission’s rules,⁸ interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the respective dates indicated on the first page of this Notice.

¹ See *Consumer Bankers Association*, Petition for Declaratory Ruling, CG Docket No. 02-278 (filed Sept. 19, 2014) (*Petition*).

² Codified as 47 U.S.C. § 227.

³ 47 C.F.R. § 64.1200.

⁴ *Petition* at 3, 15.

⁵ 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1)(A); 47 C.F.R. § 64.1200(a)(1), (2).

⁶ *Petition* at 6 (citation omitted).

⁷ *Petition* at 4-5.

⁸ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419.

Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/>.
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- Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.
- All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th St., SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. The filing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of before entering the building.
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⁹ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

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